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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCHANIS-
 STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER FOR MR FRYME. NMCC//ATTENTION
 CIA REP. TREASURY DEPT//INFO MR JOHN YEO.

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ITEM NO: 6

DATE: 12 APR 74

SUBJECT: ASAD'S VISIT ~~TO~~ IN MOSCOW

REF: FBIS 132, 1915 GMT, 11 APR 74; FBIS 53, 1143 GMT 12
 APR 74; FBIS 68, 1215 GMT, 12 APR 74

SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD CONCLUDED HIS TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERS
 TODAY, ACCORDING TO TASS, AND WILL LEAVE TOMORROW FOR DAMASCUS.
 BOTH THE TIMING ~~END~~ OF ASAD'S VISIT AND THE BREVITY OF THE
 SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS SUGGEST THAT HE MAY HAVE ACCEPTED THE
 SOVIETS' INVITATION MAINLY TO ASSUAGE THEIR SENSITIVITIES ABOUT
 BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE WASHINGTON DISENGAGEMENT TALKS. ASAD
 PROBABLY ALSO HOPED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT ~~END~~ OF THE
 SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS TO STRENGTHEN SOVIET SUPPORT FOR
 SYRIA'S NEGOTIATING STANCE AND TO PRESS MOSCOW FOR MORE MILITARY

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ASSISTANCE.

ASAD EXPRESSED SYRIA'S EAGERNESS TO EXPAND COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND TO STRENGTHEN THE TWO COUNTRIES' FRIENDSHIP. HE THANKED THE SOVIETS FOR THEIR "CONSTANT SUPPORT" OF SYRIA'S OBJECTIVES IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAEL. HE WARNED THAT THE OCTOBER WAR WAS NOT YET OVER AND WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL THE ISRAELIS WITHDREW FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORY OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND THE FULL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS WERE RESTORED.

IN HIS DINNER SPEECH THURSDAY NIGHT, BREZHNEV MADE NO EFFORT TO HIDE HIS DISPLEASURE WITH EGYPTIAN AND US DIPLOMACY. REFERRING TO THE BILATERAL DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, HE CRITICIZED THE "ERZATZ-PLANS," WHICH ARE AIMED AT REPLACING AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT WITH "PARTIAL" AGREEMENTS. HE STRESSED ONCE AGAIN THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE HAD BEEN SET UP AS THE AUTHORITATIVE INTERNATIONAL FORUM AND ONLY THERE "CAN AND MUST" A SETTLEMENT BE WORKED OUT.

AT A LUNCHEON SPEECH TODAY, PRESIDENT PODGORNY REFERRED TO "AGREEMENTS" WITH SYRIA, BUT NO DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE. AN END-OF-THE VISIT COMMUNIQUE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN APPROVED, ALTHOUGH

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